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SUBJECT: CERP 4250: PETROLEUM STATISTIC FOR LAOS (JULY-DECEMBER 1976)

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1. THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS NOT PUBLISHED PETROLEUM STATISTICS FOR 1976. FOLLOWING DATA ON LPDR PETROLEUM IMPORTS AND CONSUMPTION WERE OBTAINED FROM SHELL OIL (PROECT), ONLY COMMERICAL IMPORTER INTO LPDR. BESIDES SHELL IMPORTS, WESTERNER WHO WORKS FOR THAT COMPANY TOLD EMBOFF THAT THERE WERE SOME IMPORTS OF GASOLINE REFINED IN VLADIVSTOK AND IMPORTED THROUGH VIETNAM AS VIETNAMESE AID FROM JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 1976, WHICH ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS. SOVIET FUEL AID, REPORTED REF A, DID NOT CONTINUE INTO THIS PERIOD AND PRC AID, REPORTED REF B, HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT LOY CHANSAVAT, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
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FOREIGN TRADE, RECENTLY REQUESTED SHELL TO TRIPLE ITS SALES TO LAOS IN 1977 TO \$15.5 MILLION FROM \$5 MILLION IN 1976. THE 1976 \$5 MILLION SALES FIGURE BROKE DOWN INTO \$2.9 MILLION TO THE CIVILIAN SECTOR AND \$2.2 MILLION TO THE MILITARY. THE 1977 EXPECTED SALES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO \$10.5 MILLION FOR THE CIVILIAN SECTOR AND \$5 MILLION FOR THE MILITARY. ALTHOUGH SALES IN

DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY INCREASED MARKEDLY FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS, SOURCE ESTIMATED THE LPDR WOULD ONLY CONSUME TOTAL OF \$10 MILLION IN 1977, ABOUT \$5 MILLION FOR CIVILIAN USE AND \$5 MILLION FOR MILITARY.

3. CERP 4250-A: PETROLEUM IMPORTS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (REPORTED IN TONS):  
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SINGAPORE (NOTE: SINGAPORE IS NOT COUNTRY FROM WHICH CRUDE OIL ORIGINATED BUT RATHER COUNTRY FROM WHICH PRODUCT WAS PURCHASED. ALL OF SHELL OIL LAOS IMPORTS ARE FROM SINGAPORE.)

CRUDE OIL 0  
MOTRO GASOLINE 5,000 TONS  
JET FUEL AND KEROSENE 2,300 TONS  
DISTILLATE FUEL OIL 7,300 TONS  
FUEL OIL RESIDUAL 0  
(AVIATION GASOLINE) 2,500 TONS.

4. CERP 4250-B: PETROLEUM EXPORTS. LAOS DOES NOT EXPORT ANY POL PRODUCTS.

5. CERP 4250-C: PETROLEUM STOCKS AND INTERNATIONAL BUNKERS (REPORTED IN TONS)

CRUDE OIL 0  
MOTOR GASOLINE 250 TONS OF SHELL STOCK...  
ESTI. 4,000 TONS IN ALL OF LPDR  
INCLUDES MILITARY STOCKS  
JET FUEL AND KEROSENE 300 TONS  
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DISTILLATE FUEL OIL 100 TONS  
FUEL OIL RESIDUAL 0  
AVIATION GASOLINE 250 TONS OF SHELL STOCK...  
EST. 500 TONS IN ALL OF LPDR.

6. CERP 4250D: CONSUMTPION OF REFINED PRODUCTS (IN TONS)

DUTY PAID DUTY FREE TOTAL

CRUDE OIL 0 0 0  
MOTOR GASOLINE  
3,800 TONS 1,200 TONS 5,000 TONS  
JET FUEL AND KEROSENE 0 2,300 TONS 2,300 TONS  
DISTILLATE FUEL 4,000 TONS 3,300 TONS 7,300 TONS  
RESIDUAL FUEL OIL 0 0 0  
AVIATION GASOLINE 0 2,500 TONS 2,500 TONS

7. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS LARGEST PURCHASER OF DUTY FREE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. UN OFFICES, SOME OF THE LARGER EMBASSIES, AND INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES ALSO PURCHASE DUTY

FREE PRODUCTS. MOST OTHER LPDR MINISTRIES BUY DUTY PAID  
PRODUCTS.  
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